

in-Buc may close in January —

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ATK — Kin-Buc Inc., the control Edison landfill, may close its doors early under provisions of a plan out-
-esterday.

ers were granted another week to
- their clients with the terms of the
-ent which include grading and
-an 85-foot-high mound of garbage.
-e would also be required to install a
-e collection system to keep liquid
- from the mound from seeping into
-rton River.

ers will meet again Thursday be-
-he hearing examiner, Harold Ka-
-ho was named by the Public Utili-
-transmission and the Department of
-nmental Protection (DEP). The
-p was called when the DEP moved
- Kin-Buc for alleged environmen-
-tations. Hearings are being held at
-C offices in Newark.

n Van Dalen, the deputy attorney
-al representing the DEP, said the
-oint plan was suggested by DEP.
-en Kaplan expressed concern that
-"emergency situation" was again
-delayed, Van Dalen said he thought
-ht be settled quickly. He said he be-
-d all parties involved were close to
-ement and suggested the examiner
-them another week.

his complicated matter simply can-
-e wrapped up overnight," Van Dalen

yers and other officials represent-
-e DEP, PUC, Department of the Pub-
-advocate, Middlesex County, Edison

Township and I. Heller Construction (an
Edison firm suing Kin-Buc over the al-
leged violations,) spent a full day Wednes-
day inspecting the 40-acre landfill and de-
bating terms in the closing plan.

Israel H. Saltman, assistant county
counsel for Middlesex County, told Kaplan
he must meet with the Board of Free-
holders.

Roland Winter, Edison Township attor-
ney, said Edison would not commit itself
until Kin-Buc did. He said he wanted to be
sure Kin-Buc was agreeing with the terms
and not merely using the common ground
as a point to begin negotiating.

Theodore Schwartz, Kin-Buc's attorney,
said he had no chance yet to discuss the
settlement with company officials, but ex-
pected it would be acceptable aside from a
few "rough edges."

Robert Schachter, representing Heller,
said his client's litigation would preclude
his agreement with the settlement but that
he would not interfere with it.

The settlement terms as read by
Schwartz include the following eight
points:

— Kin-Buc must supply a closing plan
outlining sectionally the grading and final
cover, to be submitted within five to 10
days.

— Disposal of refuse at the site will be
halted in three months.

— The entire site will be covered with
two feet of "clay-like material" within six
months.

— Kin-Buc will install an electrically-
powered pumping system to collect lea-

chate within three months.

— A dike will be constructed on the
grounds along the Raritan River under
specifications agreed upon by the DEP. A
leachate collection system will be in-
stalled behind the dike to protect ground
waters. A conceptual scheme of the dike
will be supplied DEP as soon as possible.

— After the final cover has been laid, all
leachate collected underground must be
disposed of off-site and not recirculated
within the landfill.

— Kin-Buc will install ground water
monitoring wells, for environmentalists to
check for ground water pollution and to be
able to quickly identify the problem. Edis-
on Township will be asked to allow moni-
toring wells to be installed at its landfill
also, which adjoins the Kin-Buc proper-
ty.

— DEP wants Kin-Buc to post a \$50,000
performance bond to insure that no liquids
or hazardous chemicals are disposed of at

(the landfill during the remaining three
months it is operating.

"That's a rough edge," Schwartz said,
adding the landfill is not able to get a per-
formance bond. He said he believed there
were alternatives to that term.

Kin-Buc has been closed to chemical
dumping since July by the DEP which is
now reviewing a complaint that the order
was violated. Kin-Buc officials dispute the
violation.

The DEP is also reviewing Kin-Buc's
plans to open another landfill and a chemi-
cal waste treatment center on an adjoin-
ing 60 acres. It had planned to close the
existing landfill once that operation was
underway.

The PUC and DEP attorneys will also
present alternate sites for Kin-Buc cus-
tomers to dump their refuse when the
landfill is closed. Those customers must
be notified 30 days in advance of the clos-
ing.

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